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For : ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE ENCODING CANCER ASSOCIATED ANTIGENS, THE ANTIGENS PER SE, AND USES THEREOF
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**RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement of February 13, 2001, applicants elect Group I, claims 53-73, 80-84, 108 & 109 with traverse. It is believed that claims 92-95 and 102-104 (Group V) should be included.

The claims of group V specifically require the use of the products of Group I, so there will inevitably be a search of "V" in searching "I". Further, the examiner's assertion that the nucleic acid molecules of Group I "can be used in an in vitro mutagenesis assay" receives no support from the record, or the art.

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In view of the forgoing, withdrawal of the restriction between Groups I and V is believed proper and is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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